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State of Montana House of Representative Appropriations Committee Helena, MT 59620

Attn: John Sinrud, Chairman

RE: House Bill 339 - Establishing a Child Safety Restraint Program

Dear Chairman Sinrud and Committee Members:

Big Horn County hereby requests your support for House Bill 339 - Child Safety Restraint Program. It is essential to establish a funding program for the purchase of child safety seats for the children of Montana. It seems appropriate to fund such a program through the motor vehicle registration fees.

The legal requirement to have children under the age of 6 years or weighing less then 60 pounds to be restrained is a costly endeavor for Montana families. By having a program to assist with this expense would truly be a benefit.

The safety of our children should be a top priority. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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